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Eagles. Farewell

▶ Dawkins is arguably the greatest Eagle to wear the uniform since Reggie White.

Brian Dawkins was just one of us

Former Eagles safety Brian Dawkins retired from the NFL yesterday after 16 NFL seasons, including 13 in midnight green. He was the unquestioned leader, as well as the heart and soul, for coach Andy Reid. Dawkins will be honored by the Birds on Sept. 30 at the Linc, but he still isn't sure if he'll retire as an Eagle. The two sides parted ways less than amicably in 2009. {pages 23-24}

Blatstein: 'building a place where I want to go'

Piazza at Schmidt's developer hoping to open a destination casino complex in the long-neglected area He's not taking cues from SugarHouse {page 02}

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Obama doesn't want to wait for GOP to act

President learned a DC truth: If you want something done, you've got to do it yourself
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New mayor of N. Broad

Bart Blatstein already put his mark on Northern Liberties Now, after 10 years of developing North Broad Street, he hopes to add a casino and entertainment complex

Bart Blatstein, the CEO of Tower Investments and force behind Northern Liberties' Piazza at Schmidt's, announced last week that he will bid for the city's second casino license after the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal by the Foxwoods investor group on the revocation of their license.

Blatstein promises to "build an entertainment complex in a major urban setting like none other in the country" on Callowhill Street between North Broad and 17th streets and is also planning a 200-room hotel on the site of the Inquirer office tower.

Blatstein — who tells us he plays a little poker with his friends but rarely gambles — stressed that the casino will be a small part of the complex. There will be high-end restaurants, spa facilities, retail stores and concert halls, and he plans to sponsor boxing events and bring Broadway shows to the facility. "Unfortunately, Philadelphians think my new casino will be like SugarHouse," said Blatstein of Fishtown's casino. "Only 15 percent of the space will be devoted to the casino. Families will not have to walk through the casino to get to the restaurants and theater. I am building a place where I want to go."

Blatstein has been developing property on North Broad Street for 10 years now. The first tower of Avenue North at 1600 North Broad was completed at a cost of $100 million; it includes housing for 1,200 students, the Pearl movie theater and a shopping center. The second tower, which should be completed by the end of the year, will have an additional 1,200 housing units. He is also in the process of renovating the old State Office Building to create Tower Place, a development with more than 200 high-end rental apartments. "It was hard to believe that so close to everything this massive amount of real estate was available," he said. "How was it overlooked? North Broad Street was an underserved, undeveloped and underappreciated part of the city."

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"I want people to feel like they are not in Philly but on vacation somewhere else. It will be a world-class facility in a world-class city."
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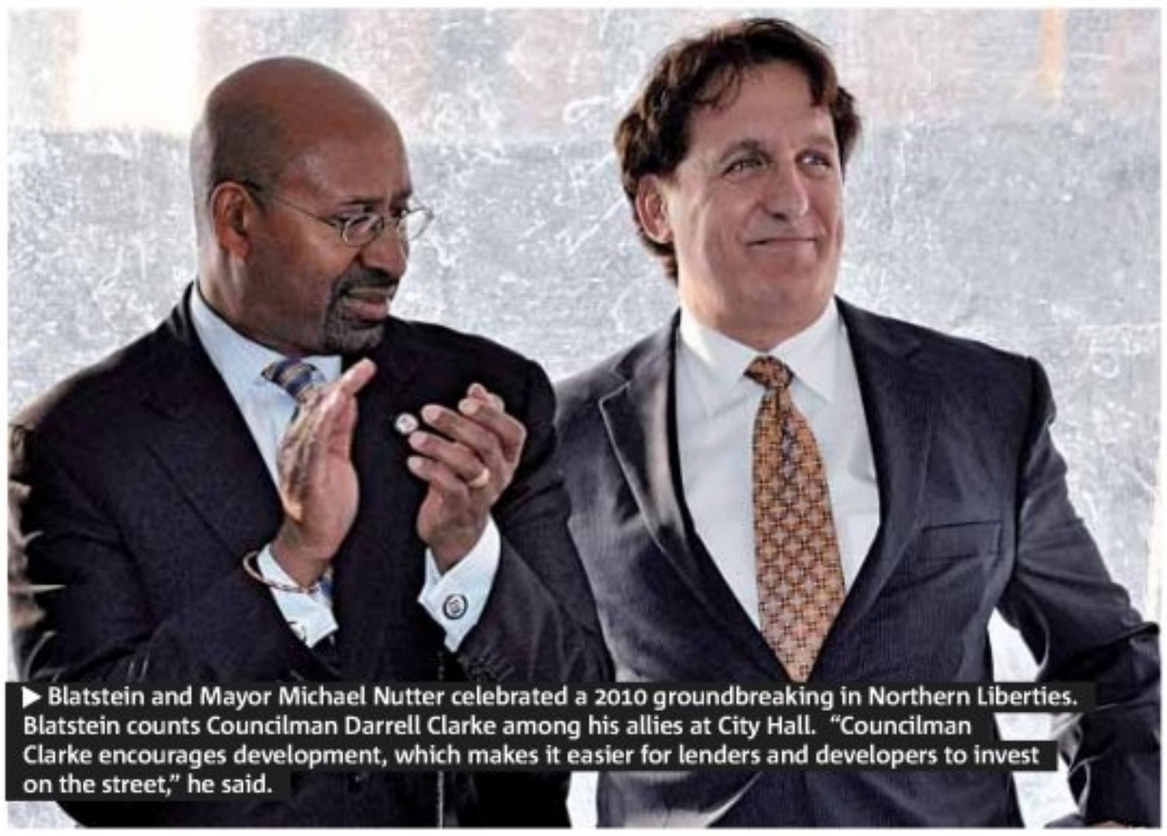

▶ Blatstein and Mayor Michael Nutter celebrated a 2010 groundbreaking in Northern Liberties. Blatstein counts Councilman Darrell Clarke among his allies at City Hall. "Councilman Clarke encourages development, which makes it easier for lenders and developers to invest on the street," he said.

Not digging in just yet

Blatstein is not the only person vying for Philadelphia's second casino license.

The Daily News reported that Robert Zuritzsky, of Parkway Corp., and Ken Goldenberg, of The Goldenberg Group, have expressed interest in bidding for the license that was revoked from Foxwoods. State lawmakers are expected to decide next month whether to leave the license in Philly or open it to bidding from the rest of the state.

In addition to competition, Blatstein's proposal could face opposition from anti-casino activists. Dan Hajdo, of Casino-Free Philly, argued that the proposed "entertainment center" would prey on gambling addiction.

"All casinos either way are preying on people. They profit off gambling addiction and their business model includes that in everything they do," Hajdo said. "But the same point is he's locating it in a place that makes it a convenience casino." METRO/SDL

In the news

33 years for home invader

A Philadelphia man was sentenced to more than 33 years in prison yesterday for home invasion robberies targeting Asian business owners in four states. Tahn Le, 44, was convicted in January of conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce and related firearms violations. The robberies occurred between October 2009 and May 2010
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In the news

Cab surcharge coming soon

The Philadelphia Parking Authority voted yesterday to reinstate a fuel surcharge for cab fares starting May 1. The surcharge, which will be added to the base fare, was requested by cab drivers due to the rising cost of gasoline. The surcharge for May will be $1.20, but will fluctuate based on the average cost of gasoline each month.
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Archdiocese, public schools sign Great Schools Compact

PHILADELPHIA. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has joined Philadelphia public and charters schools in a pact to expand the number of seats in high-quality schools over the next several years.

Mayor Michael Nutter and Archbishop Charles Chaput were on hand for the announcement. They say the archdiocese's inclusion does not mean it will look to close schools, but that all the systems are working together — not against one another — to provide parents with the best school options.

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Philadelphia is one of 15 cities in the nation vying for a share of more than $40 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It has received a $100,000 grant to implement the compact.

The Great Schools Compact was initially signed by the Philadelphia School District and two groups representing most charter operators in the city in December. The goal is to provide 50,000 additional seats in high-performing schools by 2016-17.

Chaput said the archdiocese's reason for taking part in the compact is to share information that could help improve all schools. "We have the same goal in mind, which is the education of children, which leads to the health of our community," Chaput said. METRO/SDL

▶ Chaput signed the Compact yesterday.

Murder fugitive killed by train

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. A murder fugitive from New York was killed yesterday when he jumped in front of a train while trying to evade police.

Authorities identified the suspect as Thomas Borden, 33. Borden fled a pickup truck on foot after being stopped by police. He jumped in front of a moving SEPTA train near the Jenkintown station and was declared dead at Abington Memorial Hospital. Borden was accused of killing his ex-wife's new boyfriend in Watkinsville, N.Y. The chase sparked a brief lockdown of Jenkintown schools. METRO/SDL

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Pennsylvania Democrats eying elusive attorney general seat

Primary candidates Patrick Murphy and Kathleen Kane may be in a position to claim the office from Republicans for the first time in 32 years

Two-term Congressman Patrick Murphy and Lackawanna County prosecutor Kathleen Kane, the dueling candidates for attorney general in the hottest race of today's primary elections, share many much-noted similarities.

Both of the young, attractive hopefuls hail from working-class families and have pledged to aggressively pursue those who abuse children and seniors. Both have vowed that, if elected, they will not use the office as a mere stepping stone to the governor's chair. Both are Democrats — a party that has not controlled the state attorney general seat, currently held by Linda Kelly, since it became an elective office 32 years ago.

In short, both candidates are not Tom Corbett, Pennsylvania's former attorney general and current Republican governor who has recently raised the ire of many by making deep cuts to education and social services and advancing legislation that has been branded as anti-feminist.

"I think the real interest this time is because both of the Democrats are young, Corbett is there for six more years and they could position themselves nicely to run against his successor." STALBERG

Zack Stalberg of political watchdog group Committee of Seventy thinks this uniquely positions Democrats to take the office. "I believe the Democrats see more of an opportunity this year because the last attorney general is now governor and is surrounded by certain controversies around his budget," he said. Despite each candidate's assurance that they would remain content to serve as the state's chief law enforcement officer, Stalberg said advancement is a strong motivator. "The office of state attorney general almost automatically leads to the governor's office," he said.

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▶ Murphy

News in brief

▶ Shekinah Williams

Homicide suspect identified

GRAYS FERRY. Police have identified a man they say is responsible for Friday's shooting death of innocent bystander Clarice Douglas.

Douglas was shot in the head and back around 2:30 p.m. as she walked on the 1500 block of Corlies Street and inadvertently ended up in the middle of a gunfire exchange between two men.

Investigators today issued an arrest warrant for one of those men, Shekinah Williams, 28. He is currently on the lam.

A second man was also wounded in the incident and taken to the hospital by private ambulance. He has not been charged with Douglas' death.

The news came the same day City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and state Sen. Anthony Williams announced a $5,000 reward for information leading to the suspects' arrest. METRO/AW

Jeweler's Row theft under investigation

CENTER CITY. Police are investigating a burglary at George's Golden Scale jewelry store on Sunday night.

Officers responded to an alarm that was tripped shortly before 10:30 p.m. in the shop, located at 79 S. Eighth St. on Jeweler's Row.

When they arrived, they found that the metal front gate was raised and the front door was smashed. Inside, investigators found a crowbar and blood on the ground, believed to belong to the suspect or suspects. It is unclear what was taken. METRO/AW

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Fresh starts at Philly Tech Week

Many of the events at the second-annual conference focus on the city's thriving technology start-up scene
For entrepreneurs, there are plenty of seminars

As a technology-focused start-up culture continues to brew in Philadelphia, the second annual Philly Tech Week, presented by AT&T, is becoming the equivalent of an anniversary networking party.

The conference kicked off over the weekend and is running through Saturday. Almost a third of more than 80 events focus on entrepreneurship and investment in the region.

And that's with good reason. In recent months, Old City-based mobile application provider appRenaissance and Center City-based business analytics firm RJ Metrics each announced $1.5 million in early-funding rounds. The region is rife with meetups, networking and conversation.

"We're moving the needle in Philly's start-up world," said appRenaissance CEO Bob Moul.

It's all something of an ongoing experiment to see what types of start-up shops will thrive in Philadelphia, a city that has spent a half-decade or so restarting its innovation business community. Much of the country is also battling for recognition in the technology venture sphere.

In a statement on the growing status of the region's start-ups, five young technology businesses will pitch their products during Philly Tech Week to three judges: Mayor Michael Nutter, legendary venture capitalist Josh Kopelman and local investor Ellen Weber.

In another event, the Entrepreneur Expo, more than 50 exhibitors are showing off their slice of the region's entrepreneurial pie. Workshops will cover topics including raising start-up capital, minorities in the technology field and civic engagement.

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PHILLY TECH WEEK

▶ The team at Center City-based start-up RJ Metrics recently announced $1.5 million in early funding.

If you go

Philly Tech Week 2012 runs through Saturday. Check out www.phillytechweek.com for a full schedule of events, including entrepreneurial seminars such as:

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- **Startup 101**
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- **Preparing to Raise Capital**
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In the arc of history, this is a fairly recent development. But it's one in line with the growing partisanship of politics, and it threatens to nullify the ability of lawmakers to effectively make, well, laws.

Obama, who on the campaign trail criticized George W. Bush for his expansion of the presidential office, has since come around to the idea of a strong executive. After two frustrating years of being stymied at every turn by his political rivals, Obama, according to several high-level administration staffers, decided the toxic D.C. environment could not sustain his open hand. Hope be damned, he launched his "We Can't Wait" policy, designed to force through economic plans like mortgage reform and bureaucratic blockages via recess appointments.

Unsurprisingly, Republicans were displeased. (Though it must be said they made no hay over Bush's unilateral expansion of the federal government's torture policy or surveillance state. Nor, for that matter, have Democrats opposed the new Obama doctrine. Such is politics.)

"If we are to get out of our present paralysis, we need not only strong leadership, but changes in institutional rules," says Stanford professor Frank Fukuyama. The right may criticize Obama for his lack of leadership — and the left for his willingness to compromise on progressive ideals — but paralysis yields neither social progress nor debt reduction. Left or right, we all know something's got to give. The question now is: How much longer can we wait?

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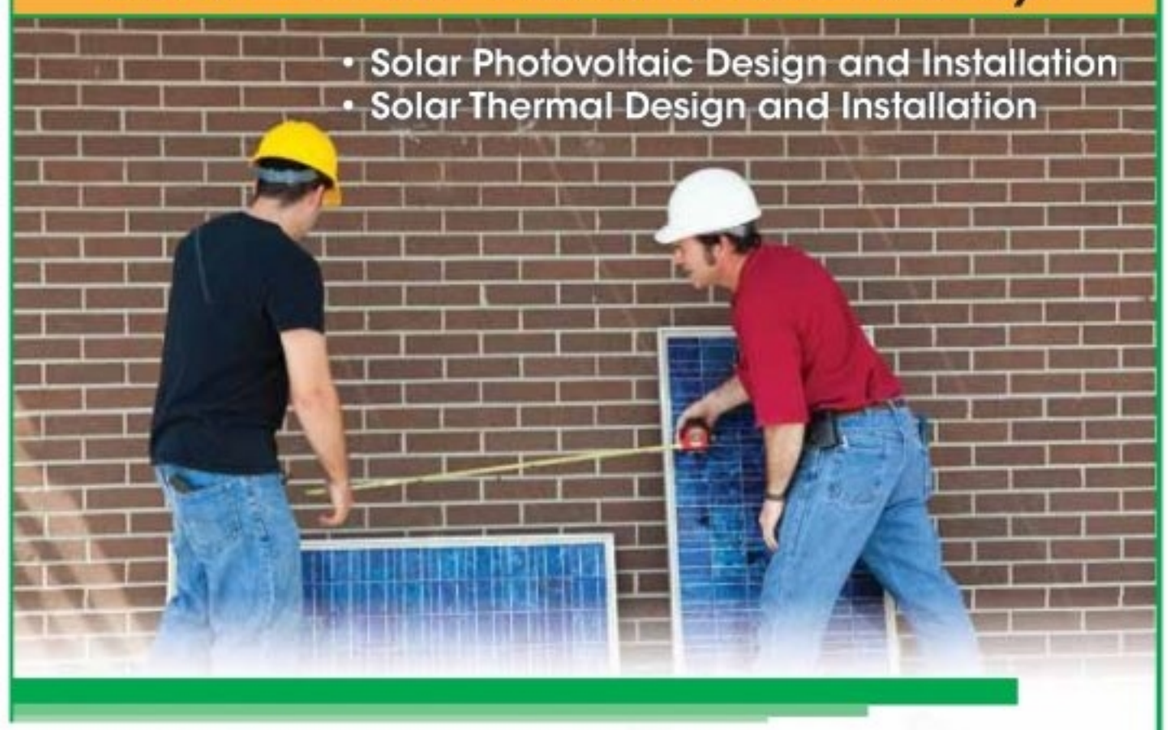

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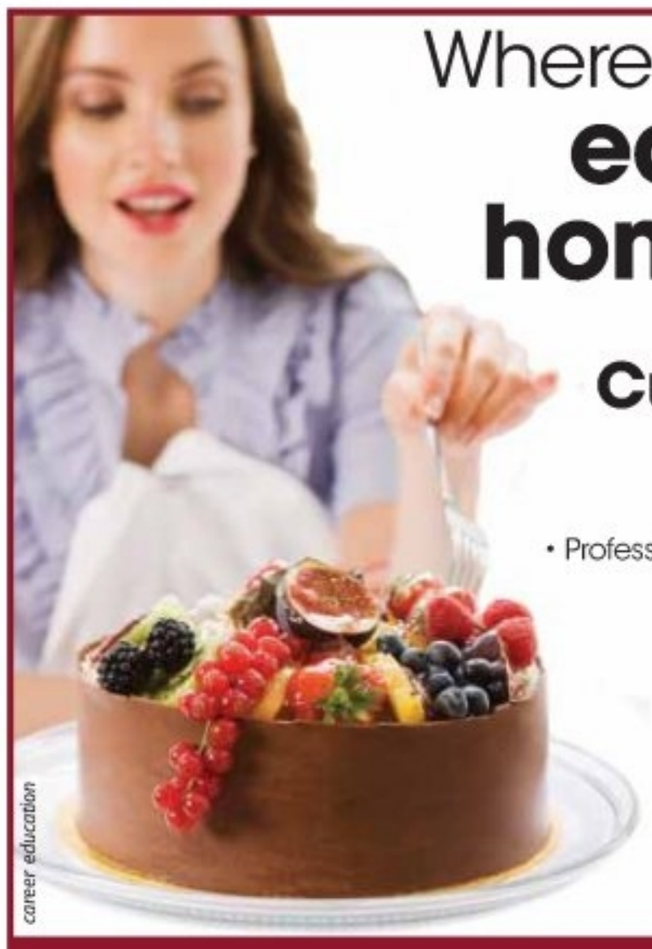

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Security clearances stripped in light of prostitute scandal

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▶ "We expect our people, wherever they are, to abide by the highest standards of conduct," said Defense Sec. Leon Panetta.

The Pentagon has suspended security clearances of military personnel implicated in the Colombia prostitution scandal, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday.

U.S. Secret Service and military personnel allegedly took as many as 21 women back to their beachfront hotel on the night of April 11-12, ahead of President Barack Obama's trip to the seaside city of Cartagena to attend the Summit of the Americas.

They were discovered when one woman complained about money, leading to the involvement of the local police.

"We have suspended the security clearances of individuals there, pending results of this investigation," Panetta told reporters traveling with him on his flight to Colombia.

"Frankly, my biggest concern is the issue of security and what could possibly have been jeopardized by virtue of this kind of behavior."

Eleven U.S. military personnel have been implicated in the scandal so far, along with 12 Secret Service agents. Within the military, six of them are from the U.S. Army, two from the Marines, two from the Navy and one from the Air Force.

It was not clear how many of those military personnel had security clearances, however. None of them has been charged with any crime yet.

"Those who had security clearances, those have been suspended," said Pentagon spokesman George Little.

Six Secret Service agents have already left the service in the wake of the scandal.

Hiring prostitutes, no matter the legal status where the act takes place, is prohibited for U.S. military personnel. Those convicted under the military justice system can be imprisoned for up to a year and can be discharged dishonorably. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Obama unveils fresh sanctions

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama unveiled sanctions yesterday against those who help Syria and Iran track dissidents through cell phones and computers and said he would keep adding pressure on both governments to prevent mass atrocities.

In a somber speech at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Obama said Damascus and Tehran were monitoring the social media tools that allowed democracy campaigners to organize rallies in the Middle East to plot attacks against opposition groups. **REUTERS**

Social Security fund to run out

WASHINGTON. The government's retirement benefits programs will run out of money three years earlier than previously thought, its trustees said yesterday, increasing the pressure on lawmakers to reform the federal safety net for millions of Americans.

The trustees said the Social Security fund for retirees will become insolvent in 2033. But it said the Medicare funds will run out in 2024, the same forecast as last year. **REUTERS**

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▶ Zimmerman

Zimmerman freed from jail

SANFORD, FLA. George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer charged with second-degree murder in the killing of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, was released early yesterday from a Florida county jail on $150,000 bail.

Wearing a brown jacket, jeans and carrying a brown paper bag, Zimmerman walked out of the John E. Polk Correctional Facility in Sanford, Fla, moments after midnight. **REUTERS**

This summer, get ahead with college courses

Community colleges offer great opportunities to keep studying and advance your degree at an affordable price What to know before enrolling

DIGITAL VISION

Community colleges are an option if you're looking to accelerate your degree this summer.

Your local community college is an excellent place to pick up some additional credits this summer, even if you're enrolled somewhere else.

Several types of people take advantage of the convenience and low costs of summer courses at community colleges, according to Penny Sawyer, director of admissions at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa.

The biggest group is students who are enrolled in a degree program at a different institution the rest of the year. "They're looking to get a jump start on completing their degrees sooner rather than later, at a more affordable price," Sawyer says.

High school students who want a challenge — and a taste of college-level work — can also benefit from a summer course at their local community college. A third group is recent high school grads who will be entering the community college in the fall, but who want to get a head start on their program.

People going back to school for a master's degree in a new field may also benefit from economical courses at a community college to take care of prerequisites for their graduate studies. "For instance, if you have a degree in history but plan to go for a master's in nutrition, you'll need to take biology," Sawyer says. "Or if you want to get an MBA, you may need accounting or statistics [classes] before you start."

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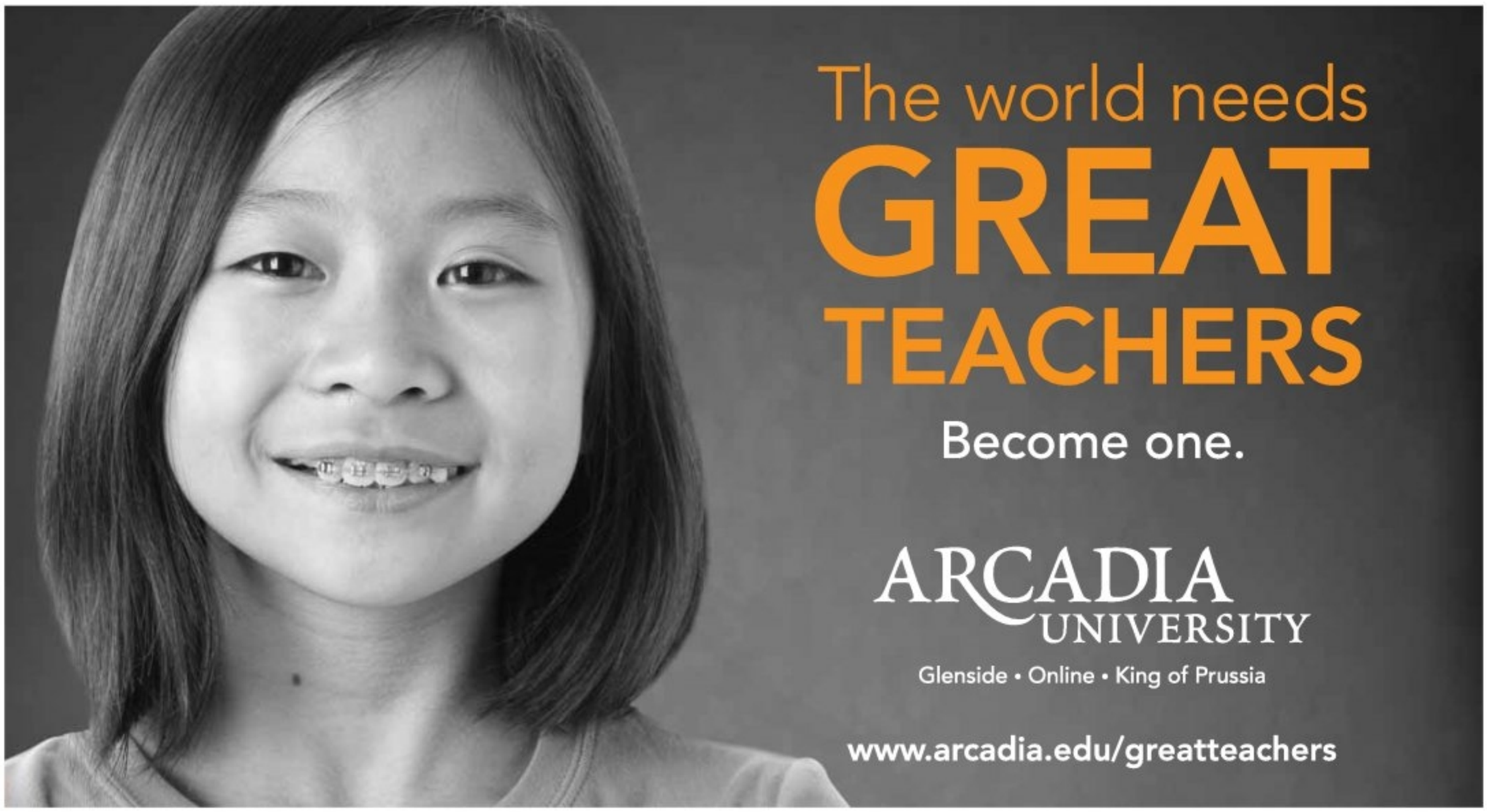
Know your credits

Students planning to use the credits they earn at the community college for a degree program at a different institution should do their homework in advance. "It's up to the home institution to decide what credits they will accept," Sawyer explains. "It's usually straightforward — we have transfer agreements with many schools in the region — but you should check before you take the class." Some schools may require preapproval, for instance.



RUTGERS

▶ Rutgers' annual Summer Writer's Conference offers an intensive lineup of workshops.

Summer school

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Gwynedd-Mercy College
A new satellite campus in Bensalem will officially open tomorrow, and classes will be offered this summer. The campus will offer accelerated degree completion and master's degrees for working adults.

Neumann University
Neumann is offering free career counseling and three master's degree programs at half off the usual tuition for all Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic school teachers who lose their positions in 2012. The programs available for the discount are education, organizational and strategic leadership, and pastoral care and counseling. Teachers must enroll by the start of the May 2013 summer session.

Rutgers University-Camden
The 26th annual Summer Writers' Conference, June 18-27, will deliver an intensive program of workshops, lectures and readings, featuring a staff of nationally known writers, poets and editors. The conference is open to both Rutgers students and the community, though some prior workshop or experience is required.

Temple University
Perfect for anyone working toward a career in special education, or current teachers in search of continuing education credits, Temple University Institute on Disabilities' three-day "Beyond Inclusion" workshop (July 10-12) will explore strategies for extending education to disabled students. This year's event will feature a new emphasis on emotional disabilities, and an exploration of new ways to address bullying. "For us, it's important to create a learning experience for future and current teachers, as to how to build a classroom that does more than simply include," says Institute on Disabilities staff member Susan Fullam.

Philadelphia University
PU's interior decorating certificate program is opening up two one-day electives: Designing for Small Spaces and Savvy Sustainable. Both courses — offered between July 11 and Aug. 7 — are perfect for weekend home remodelers. A more intensive monthlong course, Kitchen and Bath Design, will also be open to amateurs. The class will cover the nitty-gritty of cabinet and appliance installation, and much more.

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For high school students

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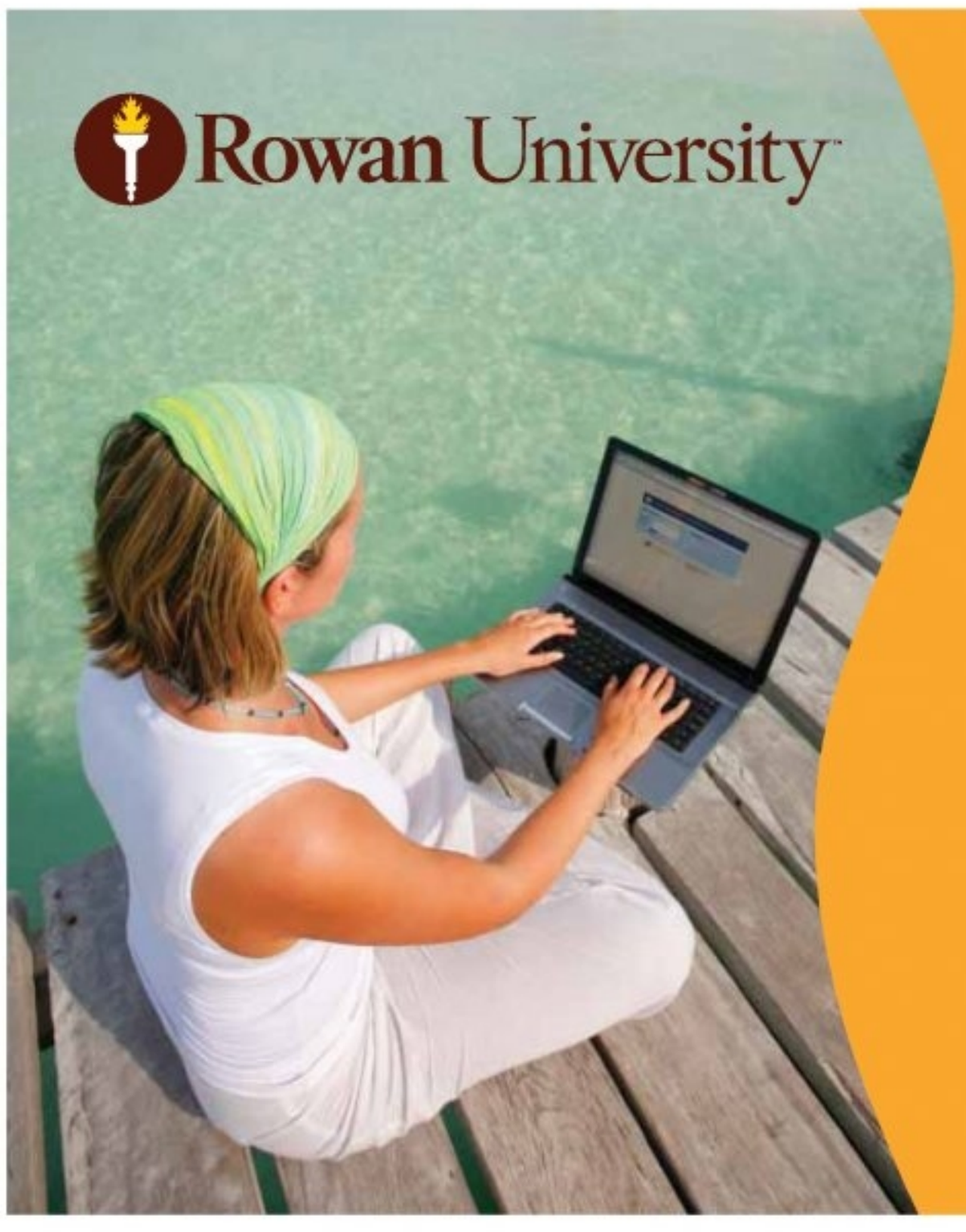

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Summer school doesn't have to be traditional

If you spent the entire fall and spring semesters in a classroom, consider alternatives for the summer

▶ You don't necessarily have to be stuck in a desk this summer.

Because people have other things they want — or need — to do in summer besides attend class, most schools offer a variety of ways to take summer courses. "Summer is not part of the traditional school calendar," says Margi Wallace, director of the Center for Summer Learning at Arcadia University. "But there's been a real paradigm shift to going to school year-round. Whether you want to catch up, stay on track or get ahead, taking a summer course may be the answer."

There are a variety of options:

Accelerated classes: Accelerated classes are in-person classes that complete a semester's worth of material in seven weeks, meeting either more days per week or more hours per class. Most schools offer two or three summer terms. If you start a course in May, you can be done by the end of June, and still have two months of summer for working or travel.

Web-based: Online classes enable you to head down to the shore for the summer and still take a class. With online classes, you can do your schoolwork at midnight or at noon, whatever works for your schedule.

Hybrid sessions: Hybrid classes combine in-person sessions — usually at the beginning of the term — with online assignments. If you've never taken an online course, Wallace recommends starting out with a hybrid. "Online requires a lot of discipline, even more so in a seven-week term," he says. "Hybrid courses offer both convenience and structure."

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Sessions for teachers

One group who is eager to take classes in the summer are teachers, who find it an excellent time to make substantial progress on a master's degree or other training. Arcadia offers two different courses on instructional technology, plus their autism institute. All three are hybrid classes, with a weekend on campus followed by four to six weeks of online work.

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These robots got to be free

Four high-tech humanoid robots currently residing at Drexel University are putting their own digitized spin on the Beatles' 'Come Together'

In the most interesting performance of a Beatles tune since the Fab Four played on a London rooftop, students in Drexel University's Music and Entertainment Technology Laboratory (MET-lab) have programmed four humanoid robots to perform "Come Together" in a must-see video viewable at YouTube.

MET-lab student Matthew Prockup created the musical arrangement for drums and three "hubophones," unique percussion instruments designed and built by the lab for the performance. The robots are autonomous, moving according to the computer software developed by MET-lab students.

The performers are four of seven identical Korean-made HUBO robots that are currently headquartered at Drexel. Each is about four feet tall, and has joints and movement capabilities similar to that of a human being, including hands with functional fingers and opposable thumbs.

"It's unprecedented to have these robots all here," said Youngmoo Kim, director of the MET-lab. Because they're so expensive, most schools can't afford more than one. Having multiples of identical robots allow for comparative studies, which are otherwise impossible, says Kim.

Each of the seven robots will ultimately find a home in a different school, including the University of Pennsylvania, with all schools collaborating on cutting-edge humanoid robotics research. For now, though, researchers from the other schools will travel to Drexel to receive training with the HUBOs.

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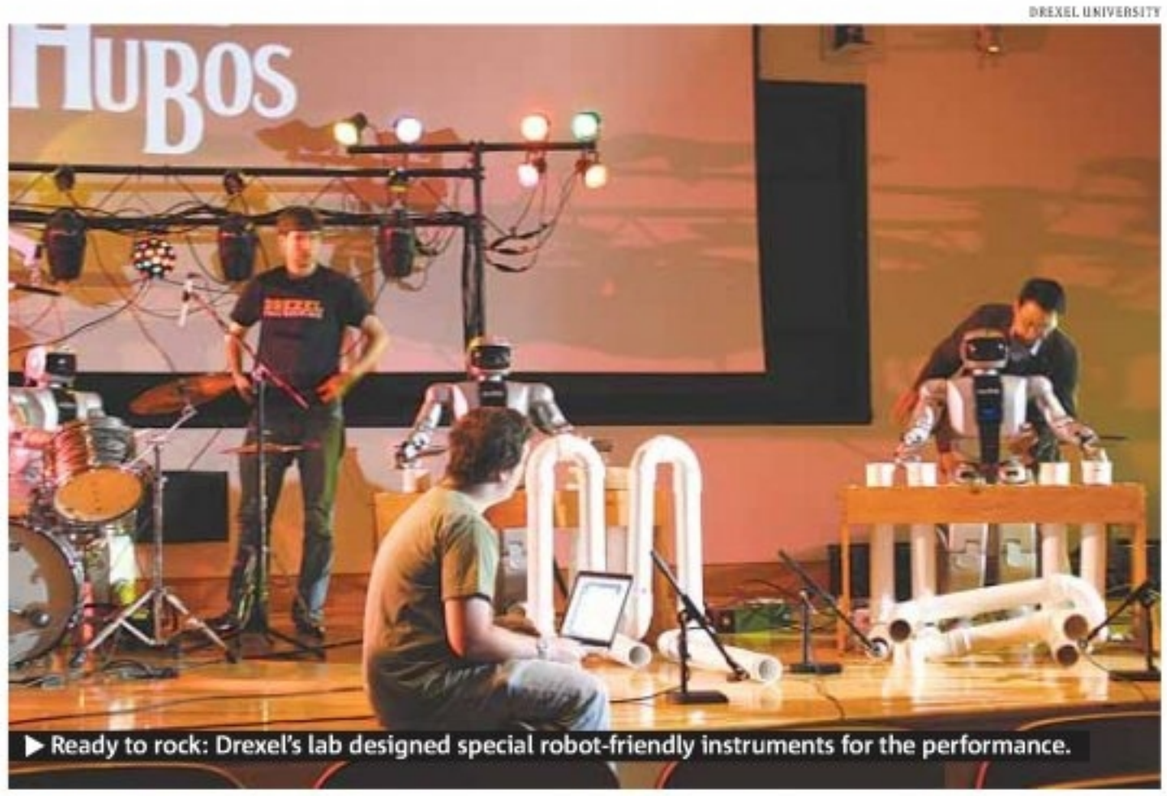

▶ Ready to rock: Drexel's lab designed special robot-friendly instruments for the performance.

One thing we can tell you

The "Come Together" performance has its roots in 2008, when Drexel received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation Partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE). The grant has supported the close collaboration between Drexel and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, which designed and built the HUBOs.

Over that period, students at the MET-lab have developed a variety of algorithms for the HUBO, teaching it to dance, play the piano and accompany music with a tambourine.

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▶ Question: When is the last time Victoria Beckham even bothered to drive a car without a driver, do you think?

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Because the rich don't have enough nonsense to spend their money on, Range Rover commissioned the former Spice Girl to help design a limited edition of their new SUV, the Evoque. Only 200 of them will be made with a price tag double that of a regular model.

Does it matter that Beckham has zero experience in designing cars? Of course not! "I did a lot of research and not just with cars, old and new, but boats, planes, movie stars, different locations," she told Reuters on Sunday. (Because when you think of "safety" and "reliability" you automatically think: "Movie stars!")

According to Reuters, the Beckham-designed vehicle features gold accents on the grille and gloss black forged alloy wheels, as well as "vintage-inspired leather seats, rose gold-plated accents and … trimmings of black lacquer, textured aluminum and mohair."

"I want a car that reflects my personality. I'm really proud of this car," she told the Daily Mail.

Funny. You think a car that reflects Beckham would look eternally grumpy and be so tiny you could never fit into it.

Lohan heads to Lifetime

Lohan

Considering how closely her life resembles a bad Lifetime movie, it's only fitting that **Lindsay Lohan** is indeed heading to the network to star as **Elizabeth Taylor** in the Lifetime Original Movie "Liz & Dick."

After much speculation, it was confirmed yesterday that shooting for the made-for-TV film will begin in June in Los Angeles. "I have always admired and had enormous respect for Elizabeth Taylor. She was not only an incredible actress but an amazing woman as well," Lohan said in a statement.

"We are thrilled Lindsay will portray beloved Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor," added **Rob Sharenow**, the executive vice president of programming for Lifetime. "She is one of the rare actresses who possesses the talent, beauty and intrigue to capture the spirit of such a provocative icon."

Is Sharenow just effing with us? I mean, come on: "talent, beauty and intrigue"? Considering I've seen Lohan's privates more than my own, where does the intrigue come in again?

The feed …

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Richard Dreyfuss has a confession, Adrien Grenier goes through security and Conan O'Brien can't believe his ears.

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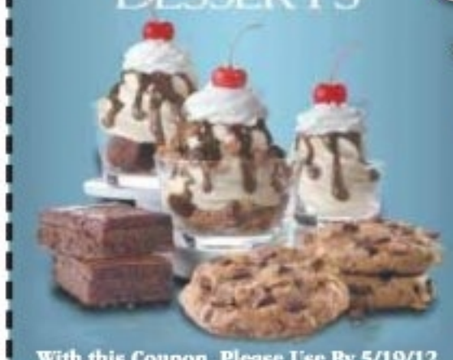

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Saying goodbye to 'House,' celebrities take on London — and more!

1. Justin Bieber, surrounded by fans, arrived at Heathrow Airport on Monday in London.

2. Kate Hudson was spotted in South Kensington on Friday in London, England.

3. Hugh Grant attended "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" New York Screening at AMC Empire 25 theater on Sunday in New York City.

4. Nicki Minaj, looking like a deranged creation from Jim Henson (that's a good thing), was seen leaving the W Hotel on Friday night in London, England.

5. Actors **Odette Annable** and **Charlyne Yi** were all smiles at Fox's "House" series finale wrap party at Cicada on Friday in Los Angeles.

6. "Dexter" star **Michael C. Hall** attended the opening night of "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Broadhurst Theatre on Sunday in New York City.

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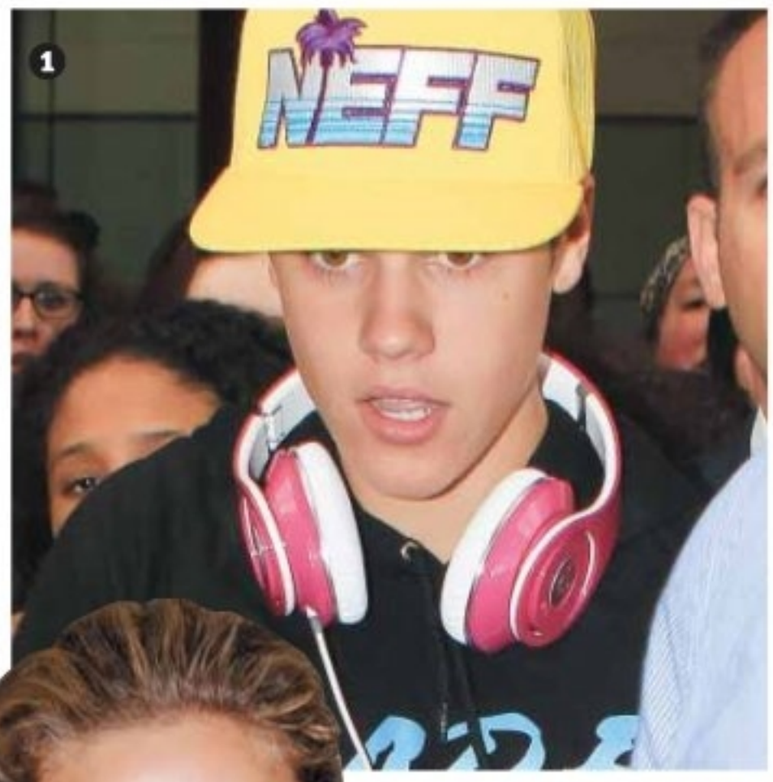

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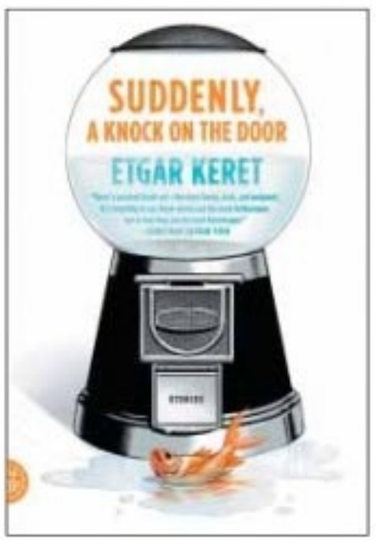

If 'Suddenly, a Knock on the Door,' answer

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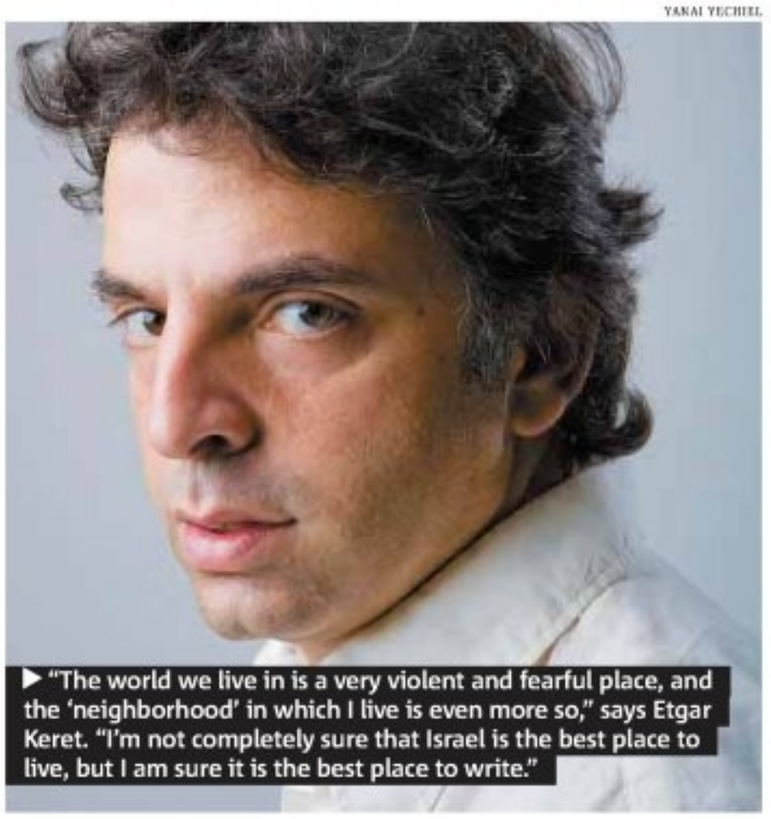

▶ "The world we live in is a very violent and fearful place, and the 'neighborhood' in which I live is even more so," says Etgar Keret. "I'm not completely sure that Israel is the best place to live, but I am sure it is the best place to write."

Great things come in small packages in Israeli writer Etgar Keret's short fiction collection "Suddenly, a Knock on the Door." These slices of contemporary life — unceremonious, candid, raw and affecting — pack a punch in as few as one to two pages, a shot so complete that it leaves a mark on your memory long after. Tense exchanges between parents and children, lovers and even — but maybe especially — strangers expose man's most visceral responses to what triggers his blood to boil and heart to break.

At the same time, the author embraces man's quirks, sometimes even comically naming his characters by these traits. He also masters magical realism. Fabulous metaphors of transformation include a goldfish that grants wishes, a portal to a world where the lies have become truths and a way to replace lovers with the yank of a zipper tab. "I never differentiate the 'magical' moments from the realistic ones," claims Keret. "If [a protagonist] tries to win the heart of the love of his life, the last thing that concerns you as a writer is if he'll break some physical laws in the process."

However otherworldly, the author's stories are often self-reflective. In the two that bookend the collection, the protagonists are boorishly forced by others to write on command — their respective livelihoods depend on it. While the pressures of the outside world weigh similarly on Keret's process, he's ultimately his own worst enemy. "Whenever I torture myself into writing, the result is embarrassingly bad," he says, adding that it's a mistake he continues to make and learn from. But his solution to writer's block is surprisingly passive. "Writing is a gift," he says. "I just find something else to do with my life until a new story presents itself."

This organic approach explains why the focus of Keret's stories shifts from one character's inner workings to another's almost effortlessly. But just as his story lines flow like a stream of consciousness, most of his characters are held captive by their own unfiltered, anxious and reactive thoughts. It's something the author says we're all guilty of. "Even when we think we are living in the 'real' world we keep inventing narratives that exist more in our heads than in the world around us. This isn't necessarily bad provided we create an interpretation which is livable and bearable," he argues.

Conversely, disengaging with the real world can be destructive, a symptom of an underlying despair. Keret's protagonists are often dissatisfied with their present lives, suppressing their instincts, desires and/or true identities in order to please others. However, the author asserts that compromise, to some extent, is a price of admission worth paying in most relationships, "especially if the alternative is loneliness … which I always personally found too difficult and sad to handle."

But how has Keret managed so brilliantly to keep a sense of humor in these tales of bitterness, impermanence and loss? "Humor is like those air bags they have in cars," he says. "In cases of accidents it activates itself. I don't think we could have survived without it."

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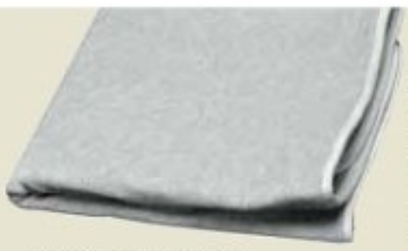

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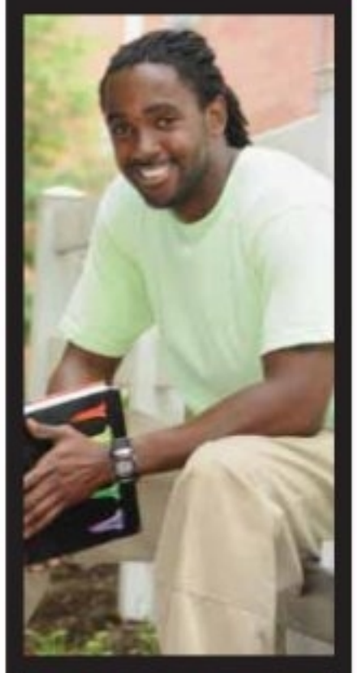

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Advice

Little-known fertility facts

Dr. Jean Twenge dispels some myths about baby-making in her new book, "The Impatient Woman's Guide to Getting Pregnant." In honor of Infertility Awareness Week, we're sharing some of her findings.

STOCKBYTE

▶ Even if you're over 35, this can be you.

1 If you can predict your ovulation, you can get pregnant very quickly, even if you're over 35. Many sites say you have only a 5 percent to 20 percent chance of getting pregnant each cycle, but you can increase those odds considerably by keeping track of ovulation.

2 The day of ovulation is not the most fertile day of the cycle. The two days before ovulation are the most fertile. This means that the instructions for ovulation predictor kits and fertility monitors are off by a day.

3 The statistic that one-third of women over 35 will have fertility issues is based on a study from 1700s rural France — a time before modern medicine, birth control and possibly soap. Studies of more recent populations find that only 18 percent were not pregnant within a year, and that about half of these women will get pregnant in the second year of trying.

4 You won't decrease your chances of getting pregnant by "trying too hard" or worrying about your fertility. Stress has to be pretty extreme before it affects fertility.

5 Even so, stressing about fertility is no fun. To keep your sanity, you'll want to use some stress-busting techniques. For example, learn the technique of controlling your breathing to make yourself calm when you start to freak out.

6 The best diet for fertility follows the acronym SOS: spinach (representing vegetables, fruits and whole grains), olives (for olive oil, nuts and fish) and salmon (for lean protein, especially fish high in omega-3 fatty acids).

7 Tests of "egg count" are virtually useless for predicting whether you can get pregnant naturally. Your egg count predicts how many eggs doctors might be able to retrieve during fertility treatments such as IVF, but research shows it doesn't matter much as long as you're still having regular cycles.

8 The usual advice about how to conceive a boy versus a girl (having sex far from ovulation if you want a girl and close if you want a boy) is wrong. According to the latest research studies, the opposite timing actually works better.

9 Some supposedly fertility-enhancing supplements can actually make fertility worse. Two examples are Vitex/chasteberry and L-arginine.

10 Other vitamins and supplements do enhance fertility — specifically folic acid, moderate amounts of vitamin B6 and omega-3 fish oil. METRO

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Letters

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What would happen if more could vote?

RE: "WHY AREN'T ELECTIONS HELD ON HOLIDAYS?": If elections were held on a holiday, the voter turnout would be a joke. People would not be able to leave their states or districts to travel to visit family or go away on vacations around holiday time. That doesn't appear to be a democracy to me. **MARGARET MCCORMICK, VIA E-MAIL**

One reason could be that it would make it easier for working people to get to the polls, and that may change everything. **JANICE QUIRK, VIA E-MAIL**

I agree with Joan Sage's suggestion that we should have elections on holidays — or at the very least, on weekends. I also believe we should end the electorial college and stop publicly funding party primaries. The problem is the Catch-22 of relying on elected officials to do it, when they benefit from no changes being made in our electoral process. **DARYLE LAMONT JENKINS, PHILADELPHIA**

Federal government pays for services

RE: "GOVERNMENT CAN'T EVEN RUN A BUDGET": Mr. St. George insults my education and knowledge, but he apparently can't read a letter. There was nothing in my letter about U.S. foreign policy, only about the lengthy and successful history of the federal government's investment in the economic development of our country. So much of our support infrastructure (electronic grid, railroads, highways, airports, dams, canals, etc.) would not have been possible if left entirely to the private sector. Mr. St. George needs to do more studying. **KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Frank St. George makes a compelling case — for remedial primary education, especially when he starts blaming "government-run schools" for the sorry state of American education. I would blame him and his ilk, who insist on a single, retrograde view of our government and the world. Fanaticism like that is what leads to car bombs and crazed snipers. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Republicans want to cover up the record on government debt. Democrats held the balance of power in D.C. from 1933 to 1980 and left with a debt just under $1 trillion. The Reagan and Bush presidents then ran the debt up to $10 trillion and left Obama with an annual deficit of more than $1 trillion. In 1968, the Dems in Congress passed a tax to help pay for the Vietnam War. Bush put two wars entirely on a credit card for the kids to pay off. **HARRY THORN, PHILADELPHIA**

Romney no better, but both are bad

RE: "GIVE OBAMA A BREAK; ROMNEY'S WORSE": While I will admit Romney may not be any better than Obama, I will not "give Obama a break." Obama is not helping the lower-middle class because he does not understand economics. If a person has very little money to begin with what will printing money and keeping low interest rates by the Fed do to that person's wealth? It will make them poorer because their dollars will be worth less than before. **KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because material conditions are holding steady at this point in time, there's a strong likelihood that you could have a little surplus in hand. Why not get yourself something special?

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you are planning on going someplace where you could run into someone you're anxious to impress, take extra time to primp a bit. Feel good about yourself, and others will too.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Follow your compassionate instincts when they urge you to do something nice for another. However, it's important that you do so with as little fanfare as possible if you want to make the correct impression.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A huge hope or an expectation might be fulfilled through the good auspices of an old friend. Be sure to acknowledge with proper gratitude all that he or she does for you.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There's a strong possibility that you could learn a very valuable lesson: Happiness is not based on how much you possess, but by interacting with loving people whom you respect.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You never underestimate the power of kind words, and you'll use them to bolster the spirits of another who is down on his or her luck. What you offer will be the encouragement that is needed.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** One of your biggest breaks will come from being in the right place at the right time in order to profit from some solid foundations laid by others.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You'll be amazed at how giving others the benefit of the doubt actually profits you. Its magic works in your favor with all your relationships.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Take advantage of every opportunity you get that can put you on better terms with co-workers. Now's the time to amass a huge surplus of goodwill.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Cupid is singling you out for special attention by making it possible for you to attract the regard of someone who may have never noticed you previously. Just be yourself and everything will fall into place.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There is no one better than you at sorting out complicated developments. Now is the time to figure out you need to attract someone who'll be as focused as you are.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you'll coat your requests in a hint of sugar, others will be more likely to do your bidding. However, you'd better follow through.

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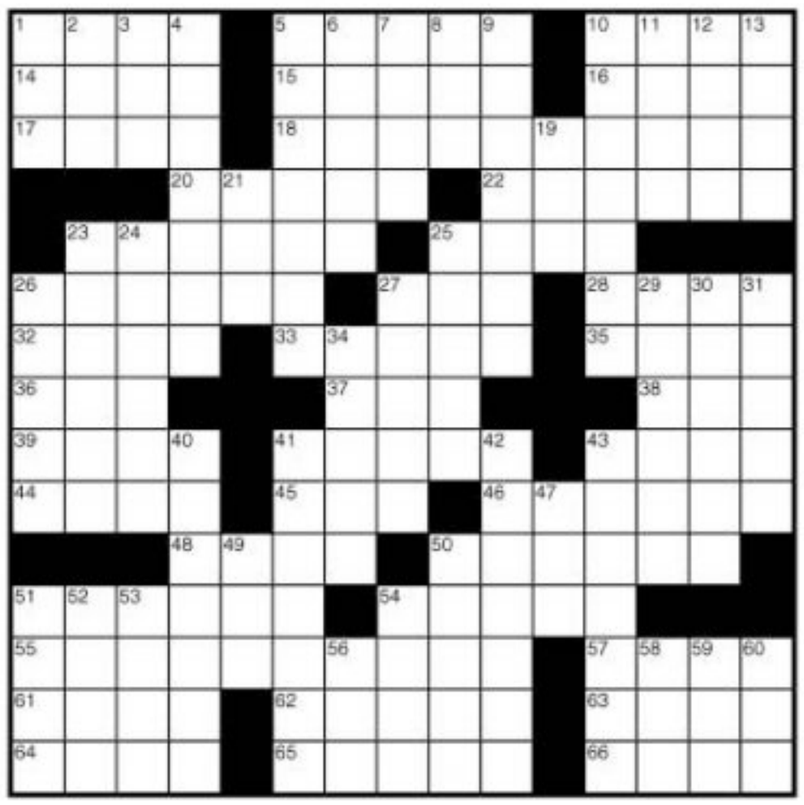

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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Once a base for the British navy, English Harbour is now home to some major yachts. The best way to gawk is to charter a speedboat ride. Not only can you get an up-close look at some of the most opulent boats in the world, but along the way your guide can also point out some of the impossibly posh seaside homes of celebrities including Eric Clapton and Giorgio Armani.

Eat this

Antigua has a rich food culture that mixes traditional island cuisine with that of its former English colonists, along with plenty of Jamaican influences. For more adventurous eaters, roadside food stands serve up piles of jerk meats and plantains. But you can't leave before trying the island's storied "black pineapple." With darker skin than the fruit you'll find in supermarkets, its flesh is pale and smoothly sweet with hints of rich, creamy coconut. They don't grow enough to export stateside, so get your fill — or get sneaky with customs.

Shop this

If you start to miss city life, pay a visit to Antigua's capital, St. John's. Buzzing with a warm island energy, Market Street is packed with restaurants, boutiques and fruit and veggie vendors. While it's no longer open to the public, the looming St. John's Cathedral is worth a walk-by. It's fallen into disrepair — it has, after all, been standing since 1845 and seen its share of earthquakes — but the graveyard is now used as a kind of spooky city park.

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▶ We love Hawaii, but Antigua serves up pineapple and palm trees much closer.

Stay smart

Much of Antigua's coast is rocky, so make sure your beachfront hotel is truly on the sand and not perched on a cliff. Snuggled into an inlet along the island's quieter southern coast and backed by a tropical rainforest, Carlisle Bay resort features a powdery beach steps away from every one of its suites, all of which have ocean views. The resort is carefully designed to accommodate both families and couples, with designated meal times for children and around-the-clock day care.

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Farewell, Dawk: Fan favorite retires after long, storied career

Former Eagles great hangs up the cleats after 16 NFL seasons ◗ Reflects on time in Philly, praises fans ◗ Admits he might not retire as an Eagle

Don't look for Brian Dawkins to rip up his retirement papers and come barreling out of the tunnel ever again. The former Eagle made it clear that this decision is final, 100 percent.

"There is no coming out of retirement for me. It's final," Dawkins said Monday on a conference call with reporters. "I'm at peace. I would rather leave a year too early, rather than a year too late."

Dawkins said he's been wrestling with the decision to retire for awhile, but it crystallized itself this past weekend. After spending quality time with his wife and kids, he knew. Dawkins said he plans to help coach his son's high school football team in Denver, then he'll "go from there."

"I'm not saying I won't miss football. I'll always miss playing the game," he said. "I'll miss the camaraderie … the knuckleheads in the locker room, joking around, being with the guys, preparing for the game, all that stuff."

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▶ Dawkins spent 13 seasons with the Eagles and was the undisputed leader of Jim Johnson's aggressive defense.

He downplayed that injuries — Dawkins missed significant time in 2011 with a pinched nerve in his neck — played any factor in his decision.

"I've had pinched nerves in my neck before. I had time to heal," Dawkins said.

Dawkins completely redefined the way NFL players approach the safety position. He walks away as one of the most beloved Eagles in franchise history, a player both owner Jeffrey Lurie and Andy Reid called one of their "all-time favorite players."

Under defensive coordinator's Jim Johnson blitz-happy scheme, Dawkins thrived and morphed into his alter-ego, Weapon X.

"I don't know if there would have been a Weapon X if it wasn't for Jim's ability to use me," Dawkins said.

When asked for his greatest Eagles memory, there was no hesitation. After three straight losses in the NFC championship game, the Birds finally punched a ticket to the 2004 Super Bowl.

"To see the joy on Jim's face, the joy and the tears in his eyes … I'll never forget that."

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No. 20 to retire as a Bronco?

Brian Dawkins couldn't hide it. The way the Birds discarded him after the 2008 season still hurts.

The most beloved player in recent memory is considering the possibility of retiring as a Bronco. The Eagles have offered him a one-day contract, but Dawkins still hasn't decided.

"There is always going to be pain and feelings there," he said. "You can learn from the mistakes of the past, but you still remember … I understand that the community, the fans of Philadelphia mean so much to me that I couldn't allow that to complicate or ruin this celebration."

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Source: Pro Football Reference

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1,113	Tackles	911
63	Interceptions	37
8.5	Sacks	26
16	Forced fumbles	36
17	Fumble recov.	19
4	Super Bowls	0

Former Eagle deserves bronze bust in Canton

There are nine safeties enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Brian Dawkins should increase that number by one, when he's eligible in five years. There are many reasons why. For starters, Dawkins simply changed people's perceptions of the safety position.

"The NFL will miss a player as talented, ferocious and determined as Brian Dawkins," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He was one of the most dedicated and hardest working players I have ever coached."

In the early days, the safety was just that, a safety valve. He was there to help out if someone missed an assignment up front. But Bill Walsh's West Coast offense turned the NFL into a passing league. San Francisco's Ronnie Lott was the first real beneficiary, as evidenced by his 63 career interceptions.

And while Lott will most likely go down as the greatest NFL safety, Dawkins deserves to be on that short list. Dawkins could blitz like an end, hit like a linebacker and cover like a corner. He was Troy Polamalu before Troy Polamalu.

Dawkins will have to wait until 2017 to find out if he'll be joining Lott in Canton. He admitted that would be "awesome," but it isn't something he ever focused on.

"If my number and name is called on that day, it'll be a blessing," he said. "It'll be a blessed day for not only my family members and myself, but for a lot of people."

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"It would be nice, but I honestly didn't come into the league saying that I was going to be a Hall of Fame player." DAWKINS

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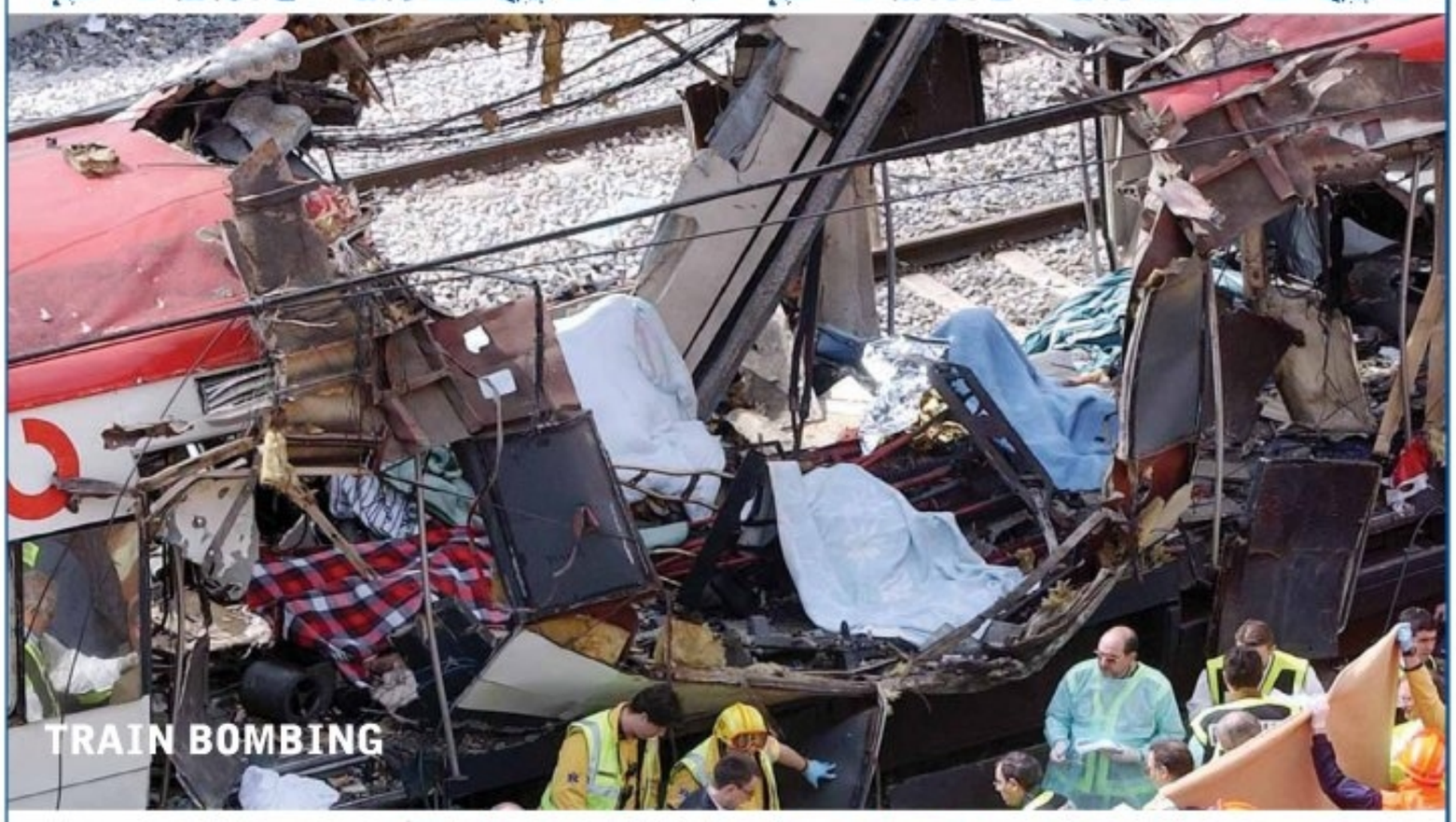

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Mayberry confident, gets start over Pence

Right fielder nursing sore shoulder Manuel turns to struggling backup Phils offense needs jump-start

John Mayberry Jr. was hoping for a carryover effect.

Following a season in which Mayberry belted 15 home runs in 267 at-bats for the Phillies, he was looking for even more production in 2012.

So far, it's been a struggle. But don't believe for a second that he's frustrated.

"It's a matter of coming in each day, putting my work in and doing everything I'm supposed to do to be successful," Mayberry said recently. "I have a lot of confidence in my ability. I don't get down on myself."

Mayberry got the start last night (game ended too late) for an injured Hunter Pence (sore shoulder) in right field. The struggling Mayberry came in batting .175 with two RBIs.

But Mayberry has shown a penchant for providing power, and he fully expects to do it.

"Hey, it's a very long season," Mayberry said. "You can't get too high or too low. In this sport, you can get red hot just like that. In a six-game or eight-game stretch, you can have an incredible streak. It happens all the time."

Mayberry and the rest of the club realized that winning without some marquee players would be a challenge. They've done it before. It's simply a matter of stepping up.

"I don't go up to the plate trying to hit a home run every time," Mayberry said. "You have to stay within yourself. You have to go one day at a time because it's such a marathon of a season. I believe a lot of very good things are going to happen this season."

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